

# OUTDOORS

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA



**SUMMER 2011**

- ♦ JULY
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**OUTDOORS** is your guide to programs and events within Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area – a unit of the National Park System. *Have questions on a program or event? Find the acronym (i.e. CCD) at the end of the description and contact the agency or organization below.*

## Directory of Park Partners

<b>AASMM</b>	310-457-9130	<b>Allied Artists of the Santa Monica Mountains</b> ( <a href="http://www.allied-artists.com">www.allied-artists.com</a> )
<b>CCD</b>	818-591-1701	<b>Cold Creek Docents</b> ( <a href="http://www.lafn.org/community/mrt/docents.html">www.lafn.org/community/mrt/docents.html</a> )
<b>CMPRD</b>	310-317-1364	<b>City of Malibu Parks &amp; Recreation Dept</b>
<b>CNI</b>	213-746-2966	<b>The Children's Nature Institute</b> ( <a href="http://www.childrensnatureinstitute.org">www.childrensnatureinstitute.org</a> )
<b>CNPS</b>	818-348-5910	<b>California Native Plant Society</b> ( <a href="http://www.cnps.org">www.cnps.org</a> )
<b>CORBA</b>	818-206-8213	<b>Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Assn</b> ( <a href="http://www.corbamtb.com">www.corbamtb.com</a> )
<b>CRPD</b>	805-495-2163	<b>Conejo Recreation &amp; Park District</b> ( <a href="http://www.crpdpd.org">www.crpdpd.org</a> )
<b>CSP</b>	818-880-0363	<b>California State Parks</b> ( <a href="http://www.parks.ca.gov">www.parks.ca.gov</a> )
<b>CWC</b>	310-394-2799	<b>Coastwalk California</b> ( <a href="http://www.coastwalk.org">www.coastwalk.org</a> )
<b>FORC</b>	323-666-5004	<b>Friends of Runyon Canyon</b>
<b>LADPR</b>	213-738-2961	<b>County of Los Angeles Dept of Parks &amp; Recreation</b> ( <a href="http://parks.lacounty.gov">parks.lacounty.gov</a> )
<b>LAAS</b>	323-876-0202	<b>Los Angeles Audubon Society</b> ( <a href="http://www.losangelesaudubon.org">www.losangelesaudubon.org</a> )
<b>MCD</b>	818-889-6238	<b>Malibu Creek Docents</b> ( <a href="http://www.malibucreekstatepark.org">www.malibucreekstatepark.org</a> )
<b>MLMD</b>	310-456-8432	<b>Malibu Lagoon Museum Docents</b> ( <a href="http://www.adamsonhouse.org">www.adamsonhouse.org</a> )
<b>MRCA</b>	310-858-7272 x131	<b>Mountains Recreation &amp; Conservation Authority</b> ( <a href="http://www.mrca.ca.gov">www.mrca.ca.gov</a> )
<b>MRT</b>	818-591-1701	<b>Mountains Restoration Trust</b> ( <a href="http://www.mountainstrust.org">www.mountainstrust.org</a> )
<b>NOWW</b>	310-455-0550	<b>The Nature of Wildworks</b> ( <a href="http://www.natureofwildworks.org">www.natureofwildworks.org</a> )
<b>NPS</b>	805-370-2301	<b>National Park Service</b> ( <a href="http://www.nps.gov/samo">www.nps.gov/samo</a> )
<b>RCDSMM</b>	818-597-8627	<b>Resource Conserv. District of the Santa Monica Mtns</b> ( <a href="http://www.rcdsmm.org">www.rcdsmm.org</a> )
<b>SC</b>	213-387-4287	<b>Sierra Club</b> ( <a href="http://www.sierraclub.org">www.sierraclub.org</a> )
<b>SFVAS</b>	818-618-1652	<b>San Fernando Valley Audubon Society</b> ( <a href="http://www.sfvaudubon.org">www.sfvaudubon.org</a> )
<b>SFVGP</b>	818-702-8020	<b>San Fernando Valley Gourd Patch</b> ( <a href="http://www.calgourd.com">www.calgourd.com</a> )
<b>SMBAS</b>	310-476-3359	<b>Santa Monica Bay Audubon Society</b> ( <a href="http://smbasblog.wordpress.com">smbasblog.wordpress.com</a> )
<b>SMMC</b>	310-589-3200	<b>Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy</b> ( <a href="http://smmc.ca.gov">smmc.ca.gov</a> )
<b>SMMF</b>	805-370-2341	<b>Santa Monica Mountains Fund</b> ( <a href="http://samofund.org">samofund.org</a> )
<b>SMMNHA</b>	805-488-1827	<b>Santa Monica Mountains Natural History Assn</b>
<b>SMMTC</b>	818-222-4531	<b>Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council</b> ( <a href="http://www.smmtc.org">www.smmtc.org</a> )
<b>SRSMMR</b>	310-206-3887	<b>UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mtns Reserve</b> ( <a href="http://stuntranch.ucnrs.org">stuntranch.ucnrs.org</a> )
<b>TCA</b>	310-459-5931	<b>Temescal Canyon Association</b> ( <a href="http://www.temcanyon.org">www.temcanyon.org</a> )
<b>TCD</b>	310-455-1696	<b>Topanga Canyon Docents</b> ( <a href="http://www.topangacanyondocents.org">www.topangacanyondocents.org</a> )
<b>TOPAW</b>	805-494-1700	<b>Thousand Oaks Plein Air Watercolorists</b>
<b>TP</b>	818-753-4600	<b>TreePeople</b> ( <a href="http://www.treepeople.org">www.treepeople.org</a> )
<b>WRD</b>	310-454-8212	<b>Will Rogers State Historic Park Docents</b>



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Santa Monica Mountains  
National Recreation Area

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401 West Hillcrest Drive  
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(closed some holidays)  
**805-370-2301**

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*Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest*  
2010 Winner – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Tie, *A Moment in Time*

Explore the park in a different way! *Parkcaching* is park ranger Mike Theune's new twist on geocaching. Various caches have been hidden throughout Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

Some of these caches tell stories about how the mountains were formed. Others have a collectable puzzle piece! These caches, called *ParkCaches*, allow people from all over the world to see a new side of national parks.

[www.nps.gov/samo/planyourvisit/gpsactivities.htm](http://www.nps.gov/samo/planyourvisit/gpsactivities.htm)

*So grab  
your GPS unit,  
go online, and  
get into the wild!*



# *The* Modern Treasure HUNT



*Questions  
on a program/event?*  
Look for the acronym  
at the end of the descrip-  
tion (e.g., CCD = Cold  
Creek Docents). Then use  
the **Directory on Page 2**  
to contact the sponsoring  
agency or organization.

**SAT 7/2 9am**

*Cold Creek Preserve -  
Lower Stunt High Trailhead*  
**First Saturday in Cold Creek  
Valley Preserve** Delight in  
the colors in a basin set among  
craggy peaks. 2hrs CCD

**SAT 7/2 9am**

*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Introduction to Mountain  
Bike Skills** Learn proper  
off-road riding fundamentals  
and etiquette (bike and helmet  
required). Heavy rain cancels.  
Info: www.corbambt.com or  
805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

**SAT 7/2 10am**

*Charmlee Wilderness Park*  
**Bugs, Lizards, Etc.** Ages 7 and  
up, look for and learn about tiny  
creatures that live here. Explore  
the nature center. Reservations  
required: 310-317-1364. \$4  
parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

**SAT 7/2 10am**

*Franklin Canyon -  
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Franklin's Movie Magic** At  
this filming location for movies  
and TV shows, go on location  
with naturalist Diane on this  
easy walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

## Environmental Educator Training

*Like working with students (grades K-12)?  
Enjoy being outside interpreting nature?  
Want to be part of a local community  
helping the environment?*

Train to become an Environmental Educator!  
Interested? Contact the Resource Conservation  
District of the Santa Monica Mountains.

**INFORMATION**  
rcdsmm.org/education  
rcdsmm.edu@gmail.com  
818-597-8627 x103



## Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House

*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*

**Tuesdays at 10am**  
For groups of 10 or more.  
Reservations required:  
310-456-8432

**Fridays at 10am**  
For individuals and small  
groups (no reservations  
required).

Meet docent at the Gate  
House for a one-hour tour.  
Heavy rain cancels. FEE.

**SAT 7/2 1pm**

*Paramount Ranch*  
**Creek Critters** Wade with a  
ranger to discover insects and  
other animals in Medea Creek,  
and learn what they can tell us  
about the creek's health. Enjoy  
a fun and educational hands-  
on (and feet-in) activity! Meet  
at the Barber Shop in Western  
Town. Reservations recom-  
mended: 805-370-2348 x204.  
2hrs NPS

## Evening Cultural Program

**Saturday, July 2**

**7pm-8:30pm**

*Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center*

**Ted Garcia**, Chief of the Southern Clan  
of the Chumash, performs and shares  
the meaning of Chumash songs.  
All ages welcome. Info: 805-370-2301

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

**SAT 7/2 7:30pm**

*Leo Carrillo State Park*  
**Summer Campfire Wildlife  
Educational Presentation**  
Meet live wild birds, mammals,  
and reptiles in this up-close en-  
counter with local wildlife. Info:  
www.natureofwildworks.org or  
310-455-0550. 1hr NOWW

**SUN 7/3 7am**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Bird Walk** Buffs and beginners  
will enjoy discovering the ways  
of the birds. Bring binoculars,  
hat, water, and snack (bird book  
is optional). Info: 310-455-1401.  
3hrs SC/LAAS

**SUN 7/3 9am**

*Franklin Canyon -  
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Nature Trek** Learn about the  
history and habitats of this  
canyon on a moderately difficult  
hike. Bring water. 2hrs MRCA/  
SMMC

**SUN 7/3 9:30am**

*Paramount Ranch*  
**From Set to Screen** Illusions  
and hard work turn a dusty set  
into a realistic town. Join us for  
this easy-paced walk to discover  
movie magic and the history of  
Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

**SUN 7/3 10am**

*Franklin Canyon -  
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Kids' Hands at Franklin** Ages  
3-8 accompanied by adult, join  
naturalist Lucy on a stroll and  
get inspired for your nature art  
project. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**Temescal Canyon  
Association  
Tuesday Evening Hikes**

**July 5 through  
mid-August**

Meet at 6pm in Temescal  
Gateway Park to carpool  
to trailhead. Wear hiking  
boots/sturdy shoes; bring  
water. 2.5 hours  
www.temcanyon.org

*A Children's Tour  
of the Adamson House,  
Malibu Lagoon Museum,  
and Malibu Lagoon*

*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*  
**9:00am**

View life as lived at  
the house in the 1930's,  
Chumash culture, plus  
birds, fish, and tidepools  
at the lagoon.  
2.5 hours MLMD

Organized children's groups  
only (such as school groups,  
scouts, and sports groups).

**Reservations required:**  
**310-456-8432**  
or **310-317-8379**

**WED 7/6 9am**

*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Outdoor Landscape  
Painting** Join other plein air  
artists to paint Old Boney, the  
barns, hills, and trees. Bring  
your own art materials. Info:  
Trish 805-376-0034. Member-  
ship info: David 805-494-1700.  
4hrs TOPAW

**WED 7/6 10am**

*Temescal Gateway Park*  
**Tykes on Trails** Children ages  
2-5 learn about the wonders of  
nature. Meet in the first parking  
lot on the left. Reservations  
required: www.cni-kids.org and  
click on calendar. Fee. 2hrs CNI

# Electric Campfire, Oh Yeah!

**Friday, July 8, 7:30 – 9:30pm**  
**Peter Strauss Ranch**

Sing campfire songs, learn about the plants and animals that live in the mountains, and join a ranger-guided night hike under the stars! Bring a picnic and flashlights. NPS

**SAT 7/9 9:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Paint-Out** Palisades Park overlooks Will Rogers State Beach, with sweeping coastline views of the Pacific. For the new or experienced artist, any media. Take PCH to Temescal Cyn, right on Sunset Blvd, to Swarthmore, turn right towards the park. Info: allied-artists.com or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

**SAT 7/9 9:30am**

*Headwaters Corner*  
**Youth Naturalist Program: Reptiles and Amphibians** Ages 8–12, learn the difference between the two and also why they are important. A guest speaker will bring snakes, turtles, lizards, and amphibians. Fee. Pre-registration required: 818-591-1701 x181. 3hrs MRT

**SAT 7/9 7pm**

*Charmlee Wilderness Park*  
**Buggy Night** A naturalist-led walk in search of insects, spiders, and other arthropods. Fun for all ages! Bring a flashlight. Meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD



**DRAWING FROM NATURE:** Interested in seeing articles on plants and animals in the Santa Monica Mountains, with illustrations by children ages 5–12?

Produced by the UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve, this science and art series was published in L.A. Times *Kids Reading Room Page* from 2001 through 2006 and can be found at <http://stuntranch.ucnrs.org/newsforkids.html>

For more info on the Reserve: <http://stuntranch.ucnrs.org>

**SAT 7/9 7:30pm**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Exploring the Darkness** Join naturalist Steve for this slow evening stroll to experience the smells, sounds, and sights of darkness. Requirements: flashlight, tolerance for darkness, and capacity for quiet observation. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 7/10 8:45am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Weed Wars Restore Habitat** Remove ripgut and thistles so native grasses and oak seedlings can provide food and shelter for wildlife. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-348-5910. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SUN 7/10 1:30pm**

*Peter Strauss Ranch*  
**What's at Strauss?** Take a stroll and discover the rich history of the site with a ranger. After the program, attend a free concert in the amphitheater 3–5pm. Meet at the bulletin board. 1hr NPS

## FREE Sunday Concerts in the Park

at Peter Strauss Ranch

**July 10, 3pm – 5pm**

*Enjoy two great bands!*

From country to alt country to folk, experience the signature sound of **I See Hawks in L.A.** – high-lonesome three-part harmonies, twang guitar, and acoustic arrangements.

For one spicy roots cocktail, Venice CA based collective **Dustbowl Revival** merges old-school gypsy rhythms with bluegrass, gospel, jug-band, jump blues and the hot swing of the 1930's. Their live sets often feature up to ten instruments ranging from fiddle, banjo, and mandolin to tuba, accordion, trombone, and cornet.

Sponsors: Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest & Folk Festival, Inc. and the National Park Service

**INFO: 818-382-4819**  
[www.topangabanjofiddle.org](http://www.topangabanjofiddle.org)  
(see 'Free Concerts')

**TUE 7/12 9am**

*Point Mugu State Park*  
**Moderate Hikers: Sycamore & Serrano Canyons** Join a 9-mile, 1200' gain hike to the saddle above Serrano Canyon. Bring water and lunch. Meet in Sycamore Canyon parking lot. If Red Flag Alert, meet below Santa Monica Pier at 8:30am. Info: 310-457-9783. 5hrs SC

**THU 7/14 7:30am**

*Caballero Canyon - Upper Trailhead*  
**Thursday Hikers** A 5–8-mile hike, depending on weather, with views of the San Fernando Valley. Bring water, snack, lug-soles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 3.5hrs SC

**THU 7/14 7:30pm**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Summer by Moonlight** Explore nature on a moderately strenuous hike with great views. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**FRI 7/15 7:30pm**

*Charmlee Wilderness Park*  
**Full Moon Hike** Enjoy the mountains, meadow, and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Bring a flashlight. Meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

**SAT 7/16 8:45am**

*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Oak Savannah Restoration/Commemorative Oaks** Weed and water young oaks to restore habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 7/16 5pm**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Return to Nature** Naturalist Dora leads this meditative walk exploring sensory rich trails for colors, aromas, and sounds. Bring water. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

## Evening Cultural Program

**Saturday, July 16**

**7pm–8:30pm**

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

**Bill Neal**, known as "**Elk Whistle**," will perform with Plains-style cedar flutes of the Lakota, Kiowa, and Comanche Nations. All ages welcome. Info: 805-370-2301

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

**SUN 7/17 3pm**

Franklin Canyon -  
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr  
**Capture A Nature Moment**  
Let naturalist Joanne, an experienced photographer, teach you the tricks of nature photography. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 7/17 6:30pm**

Malibu Lagoon State Beach  
**Sunset Stroll** Meet in parking lot. Reservations required: [www.cni-kids.org](http://www.cni-kids.org) and click on calendar. Fee. 2hrs CNI

**SAT 7/16 7:30pm**

Leo Carrillo State Park  
**Summer Campfire Wildlife Educational Presentation**  
Meet live wild birds, mammals, and reptiles in this up-close encounter with local wildlife. Info: [www.natureofwildworks.org](http://www.natureofwildworks.org) or 310-455-0550. 1hr NOWW

**SUN 7/17 8:45am**

Topanga State Park  
**Lower Topanga Creek Restoration** Help plant, water, and weed. Receive community service credit. Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or [volunteer@treepeople.org](mailto:volunteer@treepeople.org). 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SUN 7/17 10am**

Franklin Canyon -  
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr  
**A Turtle's Race Around the Lake** Learn about Franklin Canyon and the local ecosystem from naturalist Rebecca on a 1-mile walk. Bring water, hat, and appropriate shoes. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC



**Silents Under the Stars**  
**SUNDAY July 17 8:00pm**  
Classic Silent Movies



**Safety Last (1923)**  
Starring Harold Lloyd and Mildred Davis  
Directed by Fred Newmeyer

Harold's attempts to convince his girlfriend that he is more successful than he really is lands him in hair-raising positions.  
*Live musical accompaniment by Michael Mortilla.*  
*Surprise short subjects will be shown before the feature.*

**Paramount Ranch**  
1.5–2 hours. \$6 FEE (\$3 for children under 12 and \$5 for Hollywood Heritage members). Info: 805-370-2301  
Sponsored by the National Park Service and the Silent Society of Hollywood Heritage, Inc.



## Discovery Nature Camp

**Session 2: July 18 – 22**

**Monday – Friday, 9am–3pm**

**Headwaters Corner**

Ages 8–12, discover the wonders of nature with scientific tools, hands-on activities, crafts, games, hikes, and listening to engaging talks by guest speakers. A field trip is included and a new theme is featured daily. Pre-registration required. Fee.

**For more info or to register:**  
Mountains Restoration Trust, 818-591-1701 x212

**TUE 7/19 7:30pm**

Temescal Gateway Park  
**Culture in the Canyon at Chautauqua Series—Sacred Sites: The Sacred History of Southern California**  
Susan Suntree will offer her poetic vision of a world composed of dynamic natural forces and mythic characters in her account of California's evolution. Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**WED 7/20 9am**

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa  
**Outdoor Landscape Painting**  
Join in or watch plein air artists paint Old Boney, barns, hills, and trees. Bring your own art materials. Info: Trish 805-376-0034. Membership info: David 805-494-1700 4hrs TOPAW

**WED 7/20 10am**

Temescal Gateway Park  
**Tykes on Trails** Children ages 2–5 learn about the wonders of nature. Meet in the first parking lot on the left. Reservations required: [www.cni-kids.org](http://www.cni-kids.org) and click on calendar. Fee. 2hrs CNI

**THU 7/21 7pm**

Franklin Canyon -  
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr  
**Nachochan Gathering** Enrich your understanding of native cultures with an ensemble of songs, games, hands-on learning, and guest speakers. Bring a snack to share. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 7/23 8:45am**

Cold Creek Preserve  
**Gardening in Cold Creek Preserve** Help restore native plants and California bunch grasses. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: [volunteer@treepeople.org](mailto:volunteer@treepeople.org) or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP



## SAMO Youth Nature Day

**July 23, 2011**  
**Saturday, 10am–2pm**

Leo Carrillo State Park

On this hands-on family nature day, enjoy interactive games, make a craft, observe tidepools, or join in a hike. Meet outside visitor center.

Program led by students in Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Youth Program.  
(\$12 parking fee) NPS/CSP

**Info: 805-370-2363**

**SAT 7/23 7:30pm**

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa  
**Creatures of the Night** Take a 1.5-mile loop hike with a ranger and discover what animals come out at dusk. If we are lucky, we'll spot some scorpions or hear the coyotes howl! Bring a flashlight. Meet in main parking lot. 2hrs NPS

**SUN 7/24 8:30am**

Malibu Lagoon State Park  
**Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching** Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all are welcome. Bring binoculars. Info: 818-894-2541. 2–3hrs SMBAS

**SUN 7/24 10am**

*Malibu Lagoon State Park*  
**Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents** Special short walk for children and families. Binoculars provided. Reservations required for groups. Info: 818-894-2541. 1hr SMBAS

**SUN 7/24 1pm**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Art in the Canyon** Let nature inspire your artistic expression. Naturalist Norma will conduct a new plein air art program. Beginners welcome. Limited supplies available. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**TUE 7/26 7:30am**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Easy-pace Hikers** Join a 5-mile, 700' gain hike through grasslands and oak woodlands to Eagle Rock via the Musch Trail. Bring water, snack, lug-soles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 310-477-9664. 3hrs SC

# Bike with a Ranger!

**Thursday, July 28, 1pm–2:30pm**  
**Will Rogers State Beach**

Ages 12 and up, join NPS Ranger Shawn on a 3-mile, one-way, easy-paced bike ride from Will Rogers State Beach to Santa Monica Pier. Learn about beach ecology and local history. Stops include Annenberg Community Beach House and Santa Monica Pier Aquarium. Helmets required for riders under age 18. Bring bike, lock, and \$8 for parking and entry fees. Please meet at Will Rogers State Beach near restrooms. **Reservations required: 805-370-2325**

**TUE 7/26 9am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Moderate Hikers: Pier to Jetty Beach Walk** Join an 8-mile walk to Marina del Rey; return via canals. Meet in parking lot north of Santa Monica Pier or shorter hike meets at 9:30am at Ocean Park Blvd parking lot. Bring water, hat, sunscreen, and \$ for brunch. Info: 310-822-6848. 4hrs SC

**THU 7/28 7:30am**

*Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch*  
**Thursday Hikers** Moderately paced 4–7 mile hike depending on weather. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 3.5hrs SC



## SAMO Youth Nature Day

**July 30, 2011**  
**Saturday, 10am–2pm**

*Point Mugu State Park*  
*Sycamore Cyn Campground*

On this hands-on family nature day, enjoy interactive games, make a craft, observe tidepools, or join in a hike. Meet outside visitor center.

Program led by students in *Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Youth Program*. (\$12 parking fee) NPS/CSP

**Info: 805-370-2363**

## Evening Cultural Program

**Saturday, July 30**

**6:30pm–8pm**

*Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center*

**Kat High**, Hupa artist, storyteller, and astronomer, will perform Native stories and present an astronomy program. All ages welcome. Info: 805-370-2301

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

**SUN 7/31 10am**

*Cold Creek Preserve - Preserve's Lower Gate*

**A Walk in the Shade** Follow the canyon through oak woodlands, listen to the sound of the creek, and visit a site of historic interest. Car shuttle. Info: 818-348-5910. 2hrs CNPS



# Circle X Star Party

**Free Astronomy Event!**

**Saturday, July 30, 7:30 – 10:00pm**  
**Circle X Ranch**

Enjoy a ranger-led constellation tour followed by stargazing through telescopes. Overnight camping is available on a first-come, first-served basis the evening of the program. Bring your planisphere or telescope. All ages are welcome. Info: 805-370-2301. NPS



**National Park Service**

**LECTURE SERIES**

## Film Locations in and around Los Angeles

**July 31**  
**Sunday, 4pm**

**National Park Service**  
**Visitor Center**

**Karie Bible, Harry Medved, and Marc Wanamaker** will share classic California Outdoors Movie Locations from their new book.

Join us for a book signing, with light refreshments, after the 1.5-hour program.

**Info: 805-370-2301**



# August



*Questions on a program/event? Look for the acronym at the end of the description (e.g., CCD = Cold Creek Docents). Then use the Directory on Page 2 to contact the sponsoring agency or organization.*

**TUE 8/2 8:30am**  
Cold Creek Preserve -  
Lower Stunt High Trailhead  
**Moderate Hikers: Stunt High Trail-Cold Creek Loop** Join an 8-mile, 1200' gain loop hike on a secluded trail. Shorter 4-6 mile option. Bring water and lunch. If Red Flag Alert, meet below Santa Monica Pier at 8:30am. Info: 310-821-4123. 4hrs SC

## Temescal Canyon Association Tuesday Evening Hikes

Through **August 16**

Meet at 6pm in Temescal Gateway Park to carpool to trailhead. Wear hiking boots/sturdy shoes; bring water. 2.5 hours

[www.temcanyon.org](http://www.temcanyon.org)



**WED 8/3 10am**  
Temescal Gateway Park  
**Tykes on Trails** Children ages 2-5 learn about the wonders of nature. Meet in the first parking lot on the left. Reservations required: [www.cni-kids.org](http://www.cni-kids.org) and click on calendar. Fee. 2hrs CNI

**THU 8/4 7:30am**  
Caballero Canyon -  
Upper Trailhead  
**Thursday Hikers** A 6-mile, 800' gain/loss hike with views of the San Fernando Valley follows old dirt Mulholland Hwy before turning into Sullivan Canyon with rich foliage and big trees. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 3hrs SC

**SAT 8/6 9am**  
Cold Creek Preserve -  
Lower Stunt High Trailhead  
**First Saturday in Cold Creek Valley Preserve** Delight in lights, colors, and shadows in a basin set among craggy peaks. 2hrs CCD

**SAT 8/6 9am**  
Malibu Creek State Park  
**Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills** Learn proper off-road riding fundamentals and etiquette (bike and helmet required). Heavy rain cancels. Info: [www.corbamt.com](http://www.corbamt.com) or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

**SAT 8/6 10am**  
Franklin Canyon -  
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr  
**Franklin's Movie Magic** At this filming location for movies and TV shows, go on location with naturalist Diane on this easy walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 8/6 11a, 12p, & 1p**  
Santa Monica Mountains  
**Malibu Pier Tours** Walk on the pier, enjoy fresh ocean breezes, and hear about the history of the pier and the surrounding area. Meet at the entrance of the pier. 35mins MLMD



**SAT 8/6 6:30pm**  
Headwaters Corner  
**Youth Naturalist Program: Astronomy** Children age 8-12 can learn about the night sky with telescopes. A guest speaker guides us through the stars, planets, nebulae, and constellations. Fee. Pre-registration required: 818-591-1701 x181. 3hrs MRT

**SAT 8/6 7:30pm**  
Leo Carrillo State Park  
**Summer Campfire Wildlife Educational Presentation** Meet live wild birds, mammals, and reptiles in this up-close encounter with local wildlife. Info: [www.natureofwildworks.org](http://www.natureofwildworks.org) or 310-455-0550. 1hr NOWW

Photo: *Star Gathering* by Greg Clure  
*Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest*  
2010 Winner - 4<sup>th</sup> Place, Animals

**SUN 8/7 7am**  
Topanga State Park  
**Bird Walk** Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring binoculars, hat, water, and snack (bird book is optional). Info: 310-455-1401. 3hrs SC/LAAS

**SUN 8/7 9am**  
Franklin Canyon -  
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr  
**Nature Trek** Learn about the history and habitats of this canyon on a moderately difficult hike. Bring water. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 8/7 10am**  
Franklin Canyon -  
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr  
**Kids' Hands at Franklin** Ages 3-8 accompanied by adult, join naturalist Lucy on a stroll and get inspired for your nature art project. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 8/7 11a, 12p, & 1p**  
Santa Monica Mountains  
**Malibu Pier Tours** Walk on the pier, enjoy fresh ocean breezes, and hear about the history of the pier and the surrounding area. Meet at the entrance of the pier. 35mins MLMD

**SUN 8/7 3pm**  
Franklin Canyon -  
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr  
**Capture A Nature Moment** Let naturalist Joanne, an experienced photographer, teach you the tricks of nature photography. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**TUE 8/9 7:30am***Solstice Canyon*

**Easy Pace Hikers** A 4-mile, 400' gain hike on Rising Sun Trail to Tropical Terrace and Solstice Canyon Falls, then back along the canyon through oak and walnut groves by the stream. Bring water, snack, hat, lugsoles, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 310-787-5420. 2.5hrs SC

**TUE 8/9 8:30am***Santa Monica Mountains*

**Moderate Hikers: Hondo Canyon to Fossil Ridge** Join an 8-mile, 2000' gain hike on the Backbone Trail to Fossil Ridge. Meet on Old Topanga Cyn Rd 0.5 mile from Topanga Cyn Blvd; very limited street parking. Bring water and lunch. If Red Flag Alert, meet below Santa Monica Pier at 8:30am. Info: 818-786-4932. 4hrs SC

**THU 8/11 7:30am***Santa Monica Mountains*

**Thursday Hikers to Nike Radar Site** Join a 6-mile, 1100' gain hike in upper Mandeville Cyn to the Cold War missile site. Meet at trailhead (From Ventura Blvd: south on Hayvenhurst Ave for 1.8 miles, right onto Encino Hills Drive and continue 1 mile to start of dirt Mulholland Drive OR from 405 Fwy: take Mulholland Drive exit 61, west 2 miles to end of pavement at Encino Hills Drive. On dirt Mulholland Drive, go 100 yards west and park facing white posts). Bring water, snacks, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 3hrs SC

## Electric Campfire, Oh Yeah!

**Friday, August 12, 7:30 – 9:30pm**  
**Peter Strauss Ranch**

Sing campfire songs, learn about the plants and animals that live in the mountains, and join a ranger-guided night hike under the stars! Bring a picnic and flashlights. NPS

**SAT 8/13 8:45am***Cold Creek Preserve*

**Gardening in Cold Creek Preserve** Help restore native plants and California bunch grasses. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 8/13 9:30am***Tapia Park*

**Paint-Out** Join new or experienced artists, any media, to paint trees and a running stream. Info: allied-artists.com or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

**SAT 8/13 10am***Solstice Canyon*

**Celebrate Summer!** Walk with our environmental educator to learn more about how our native plants and animals beat the heat. Reservations required: www.cni-kids.org and click on calendar. Fee. 2hrs CNI

### Malibu Lagoon State Beach

### Adamson House Docent Training

Learn how to share Malibu's fascinating history with the public and how to conduct guided tours of the historic Adamson House.

Group or individual training available. FEE. 18 hours. *Dates and times to be determined.*

**Malibu Lagoon  
Museum Docents  
310-456-8432**

### Evening Cultural Program

**Saturday, August 13**

**6:30pm–8pm**

**Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center**

**Chumash author and storyteller**

**David Paul Dominguez** shares his culture by performing Native stories and sharing his knowledge. All ages are welcome. Info: 805-370-2301

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

**SAT 8/13 7pm***Charmlee Wilderness Park*

**Full Moon Hike** Enjoy the mountains, meadow, and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Bring a flashlight. Meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

**SAT 8/13 7pm***Franklin Canyon -**Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*

**Summer by Moonlight**

Explore nature on this moderately strenuous hike with great views. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 8/13 7:30pm***Franklin Canyon -**Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*

**Exploring the Darkness** Join naturalist Steve for this slow evening stroll to experience the smells, sounds, and sights of darkness. Requirements: flashlight, tolerance for darkness, and capacity for quiet observation. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 8/14 8:45am***Santa Monica Mountains*

**Weed Wars Restore Habitat**

Remove non-natives so native vegetation can provide food and shelter for wildlife. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-348-5910 or volunteer@treepeople.org 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SUN 8/14 1:30pm***Peter Strauss Ranch*

**What's at Strauss?** Take a stroll and discover the rich history of the site with a ranger. After the program, attend a free concert in the amphitheater 3-5pm. Meet at the bulletin board. 1hr NPS



## FREE Sunday Concerts in the Park

at Peter Strauss Ranch

**August 14, 3pm – 5pm**

**Sabrina & Craig**

Luscious harmonies anchored by Craig's award-winning finger-style playing that is fantastic, sophisticated, spirited, and intelligent.

**Tracy Newman and the Reinforcements**

With music described as acoustic folk, enjoy a funny, moving, and memorable show.

Sponsors: Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest & Folk Festival, Inc. and the National Park Service

**INFO: 818-382-4819**  
www.topangabanjofiddle.org  
(see 'Free Concerts')





## Discovery Nature Camp

**Session 3: August 15 – 19**

**Monday – Friday, 9am–3pm**

**Headwaters Corner**

Ages 8–12, discover the wonders of nature with scientific tools, hands-on activities, crafts, games, hikes, and listening to engaging talks by guest speakers. A field trip is included and a new theme is featured daily. Pre-registration required. Fee.

**For more info or to register:**  
Mountains Restoration Trust, 818-591-1701 x212

**THU 8/18 7pm**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Nachochan Gathering** Enrich your understanding of native cultures with an ensemble of songs, games, hands-on learning, and guest speakers. Bring a snack to share. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 8/20 8:45am**

*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Oak Savannah Restoration/Commemorative Oaks** Weed and water young oaks to restore habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**TUE 8/16 7:30am**

*Zuma/Trancas Canyons - Newton Canyon Trailhead*  
**Easy-pace Hikers** Join a 5-mile, 800' gain hike into Zuma Canyon on a scenic trail through oak woodlands and chaparral. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. 818-787-5420. 3hrs SC

**TUE 8/16 7:30pm**

*Temescal Gateway Park*  
**Culture in the Canyon at Chautauqua Series** Join us for another eclectic evening on topics ranging from natural history to current events in our local area. Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

## Bike with a Ranger!

**Thursday, August 18, 1pm–2:30pm**  
**Will Rogers State Beach**

Ages 12 and up, join NPS Ranger Shawn on a 3-mile, one-way, easy-paced bike ride from Will Rogers State Beach to Santa Monica Pier. Learn about beach ecology and local history. Stops include Annenberg Community Beach House and Santa Monica Pier Aquarium. Helmets required for riders under age 18. Bring bike, lock, and \$8 for parking and entry fees. Please meet at Will Rogers State Beach near restrooms. **Reservations required: 805-370-2325**



**SAT 8/20 9:30am**

*Paramount Ranch*  
**From Set to Screen** Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us for this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS



**National Park Service**

**LECTURE SERIES**

**Digging into Dirt –Creating Native Plant Gardens**

**August 20**  
**Saturday, 2pm**  
National Park Service  
Visitor Center

Join NPS Ecologist **Dr. Irina Irvine** as she shares some secrets of successful gardening with native plants. 1.5 hours

**Info: 805-370-2301**

**SUN 8/21 8:45am**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Lower Topanga Creek Restoration** Help plant, water, and weed. Receive community service credit. Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SUN 8/21 10am**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**A Turtle's Race Around the Lake** Learn about Franklin Canyon and the local ecosystem from naturalist Rebecca on a 1-mile walk. Bring water, hat, and appropriate shoes. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**Silents Under the Stars**  
**SUNDAY August 21 7:30pm**  
Classic Silent Movies



**The Great K&A Train Robbery (1926)**

*Starring Tom Mix, Dorothy Dwan, and Tony the Wonder Horse*  
*Directed by Lewis Seiler*

Disguised as a bandit, Tom boards a train to uncover how the trains are being robbed. He attempts to capture the bandits and the heart of the railroad President's daughter.  
*Live musical accompaniment by Michael Mortilla.*  
*Surprise short subjects will be shown before the feature.*

**Paramount Ranch**

1.5–2 hours. \$6 FEE. (\$3 for children under 12 and \$5 for Hollywood Heritage members). Info: 805-370-2301

Sponsored by the National Park Service and the Silent Society of Hollywood Heritage, Inc.

**TUE 8/23 7:30am***Malibu Creek State Park - Reagan Ranch*

**Easy-pace Hikers to MASH Site** Join a 6-mile, 600' gain hike following the Lookout Trail, passing Century Lake and the Reagan picnic area. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 3hrs SC

**TUE 8/23 9am***Santa Monica Mountains*

**Moderate Hikers: Paradise Cove Beach Walk** Join a 7-mile roundtrip walk. Meet at beach parking lot (from PCH, 7 miles west of Malibu Cyn Rd, take Westward Beach Rd to the end). Bring water, lunch, hat, and sunscreen. Info: 310-822-6848. 4hrs SC



Photo: Chuck Kopczak

**SAT 8/27 8am***Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*

**Canyon Birds** Enjoy a leisurely morning stroll in the canyon while feasting your eyes on our feathered friends. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 8/27 8:30am***Santa Monica Mountains*

**Volunteers Needed for Invasive Plant Removal** Help remove invasive Spanish broom from Saddle Peak and restore native habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: Jerry 818-406-1269. Rain cancels. 5hrs. SMMTC

**SAT 8/27 5pm***Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*

**Return to Nature** Naturalist Dora leads this meditative walk exploring sensory rich trails for colors, aromas, and sounds. Bring water. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

### A Children's Tour of the Adamson House, Malibu Lagoon Museum, and Malibu Lagoon

*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*  
9:00am

View life as lived at the house in the 1930's, Chumash culture, plus birds, fish, and tidepools at the lagoon. 2.5 hours MLMD

Organized children's groups only (such as school groups, scouts, and sports groups).

**Reservations required:**  
310-456-8432  
or 310-317-8379

## Evening Cultural Program

**Saturday, August 27**  
6pm–7:30pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

The family of **Kathy and Steven Garcia** performs Native American dance, including Northern Traditional and shawl dancing. All ages are welcome. Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Charmlee Wilderness Park

Help us introduce children to nature!  
Info: 310-457-7247



Charmlee Wilderness Park is owned and operated by the City of Malibu.

**SAT 8/27 7pm***Charmlee Wilderness Park*

**Buggy Night** A naturalist-led walk in search of insects, spiders, and other arthropods. Fun for all ages! Bring a flashlight. Meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

**SAT 8/27 7:45pm***Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*

**Creatures of the Night** Take a 1.5-mile loop hike with a ranger and discover what animals come out at dusk. If we are lucky, we'll spot some scorpions or hear the coyotes howl! Bring a flashlight. Meet in main parking lot. 2hrs NPS

**SUN 8/28 8:30am***Malibu Lagoon State Park*

**Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching** Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all are welcome. Bring binoculars. Info: 818-894-2541. 2–3hrs SMBAS

**SUN 8/28 10am***Malibu Lagoon State Park*

**Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents** Special short walk for children and families. Binoculars provided. Reservations required for groups. Info: 818-894-2541. 1hr SMBAS

**SUN 8/28 10am***Malibu Bluffs Park*

**Bluffs Ramble to the Sea** Enjoy the views on a 2-mile walk. Dip your toes into the bay. Look for dolphins and sea lions. Observe the native plant recovery after the 2007 wildfire. 2hrs CNPS

**TUE 8/30 8:30am***Solstice Canyon*

**Moderate Hikers: Canyon Walk** Join the 7-mile, 2000' gain hike overlooking the recent burn to Roberts Ranch continuing into Deer Valley and onto high ground with ocean views. If Red Flag Alert, meet below Santa Monica Pier at 8:30am. Info: 310-477-9664. 4hrs SC



## Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House

*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*

**Tuesdays at 10am**  
For groups of 10 or more.  
Reservations required:  
310-456-8432

**Fridays at 10am**  
For individuals and small groups (no reservations required).

Meet docent at the Gate House for a one-hour tour. Heavy rain cancels. FEE

**SAT 9/3 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Rehab Work** No experience necessary. Call for more information or to receive a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 9/3 9am**  
*Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead*  
**First Saturday in Cold Creek Valley Preserve** Delight in lights, colors, and shadows in a basin set among craggy peaks. 2hrs CCD

**SAT 9/3 9am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills** Learn proper off-road riding fundamentals and etiquette (bike and helmet required). Heavy rain cancels. Info: www.corbamtb.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

**SAT 9/3 10am**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Franklin's Movie Magic** At this filming location for movies and TV shows, go on location with naturalist Diane on this easy walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

## Spirit of the Mountains 2011 PHOTO CONTEST



**Start gathering your photos for the Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest!** Submissions accepted **September 1 – 30**. Check website for 2011 categories, rules, and application forms.

Info: National Park Service at 805-370-2301 or [www.nps.gov/samo/photocontest.htm](http://www.nps.gov/samo/photocontest.htm)

*Rude Point Sunset by John Mueller, 2010 Winner – People's Choice*



National Park Service Visitor Center

## Photography Exhibit - Photo Contest Judges September 1 through September 30

See representative works of our *Spirit of the Mountains* Photo Contest Judges: John C. Luker, Rob Sheppard, Jim Shoemaker, Steve Sieren **Info: 805-370-2301**

**SAT 9/3 11a, 12p, & 1p**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
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**SUN 9/4 7am**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Bird Walk** Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring binoculars, hat, water, and snack (bird book is optional). Info: 310-455-1401. 3hrs SC/LAAS

**SUN 9/4 10am**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Kids' Hands at Franklin** Ages 3–8 accompanied by adult, join naturalist Lucy on a stroll and get inspired for your nature art project. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 9/4 10a-12p & 1-3p**  
*Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center*  
**Free Cultural Workshop – Julia Bogany** Join this Tongva artist to learn how to make a tule reed bird doll. All ages welcome. Info: 805-370-2301. NPS



**SUN 9/4 11a, 12p, & 1p**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Malibu Pier Tours** Enjoy ocean breezes. Hear about the area's history. Meet at the entrance of the pier. 35mins MLMD

**TUE 9/6 8:45am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Moderate Hikers: Nicholas Flat from Nature Preserve** Bring swimsuits for dip in pool at end of a 7-mile, 1500' gain hike. Meet at Nature Trust Preserve parking lot (33905 PCH, 13 miles west of Malibu Cyn Rd; "Malibu Nature Preserve" sign). \$2 voluntary fee or park on PCH. Bring water and lunch. If Red Flag Alert, meet below Santa Monica Pier at 8:30am. Info: 310-457-9783. 4hrs SC

**THU 9/8 8am**  
*Zuma/Trancas Canyons - Newton Canyon Trailhead*  
**Thursday Hikers** An 8-mile, 1400' gain hike. Bring 2 qts water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

**SAT 9/10 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Rehab Work** No experience necessary. Call for more information or to receive a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 9/10 9:30am**  
*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*  
**Paint-Out** For the new or experienced artist, any media, paint wooden bridge over marshy water with stops along the way to observe waterfowl, reeds, surfers. Bring food to share for potluck. Info: allied-artists.com or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

**SAT 9/10 9:30am**  
*Headwaters Corner*  
**Youth Naturalist Program: Native American Culture** Children 8–12 will discover plants and animals Native Americans used for food, clothing, tools, toys, medicine, etc., and then do a craft. Learn how they led a successful life. Fee. Pre-registration required: 818-591-1701 x181. 3hrs MRT

## Bike with a Ranger!

**Thursday, September 8, 1pm–2:30pm**  
**Will Rogers State Beach**

Ages 12 and up, join NPS Ranger Shawn on a 3-mile, one-way, easy-paced bike ride from Will Rogers State Beach to Santa Monica Pier. Learn about beach ecology and local history. Stops include Annenberg Community Beach House and Santa Monica Pier Aquarium. Helmets required for riders under age 18. Bring bike, lock, and \$8 for parking and entry fees. Please meet at Will Rogers State Beach near restrooms. **Reservations required: 805-370-2325**

**SAT 9/10 10am**

*Paramount Ranch*  
**Creek Critters** Wade with a ranger to discover insects and other animals in Medea Creek, and learn what they can tell us about the creek's health. Enjoy a fun and educational hands-on (and feet-in) activity! Meet at the Barber Shop in Western Town. Reservations recommended: 805-370-2348 x204. 2hrs NPS

**National Park Service**

**LECTURE SERIES**



**Borchards, Danielsons & Beals – Pioneers of the Conejo Valley**

**September 10 Saturday, 2pm**

National Park Service Visitor Center

Join **Jeff Maulhardt** as he shares the stories of his great, great grandfather, Johannes Borchard, along with stories of Carl Beal and the Danielson family.

1.5 hours

**Info: 805-370-2301**



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

*Movies by Moonlight*

**Paramount Ranch**  
**September 10, 2011**  
**Saturday, 7:30pm – 9:30pm**

*Beau Geste (1939)*

**Starring Gary Cooper** and directed by **William Wellman**, this melodramatic and high-adventure tale, with classic desert settings, was shot in part at Paramount Ranch. *Join a ranger at 6pm for a short hike to the actual location.*

**For more info: 805-370-2301**

**SUN 9/11 8:45am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Weed Wars Restore Habitat** Remove ripgut and thistles so native grasses and oak seedlings can provide food and shelter for wildlife. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: [volunteer@treepeople.org](mailto:volunteer@treepeople.org) or 818-348-5910. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SUN 9/11 9am**

*Franklin Canyon -*  
*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Nature Trek** Learn about the history and habitats of this canyon on a moderately difficult hike. Bring water. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 9/11 3pm**

*Franklin Canyon -*  
*Franklin Canyon Ranch*  
**Capture A Nature Moment** Let naturalist Joanne, an experienced photographer, teach you the tricks of nature photography. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**FREE**

**Sunday Concerts in the Park**

at Peter Strauss Ranch

**September 11, 3pm – 5pm**

**TBFC Winners – Some of the "Best of the 2011 Contestants"**

Sponsors: Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest & Folk Festival, Inc. and the National Park Service

**INFO: 818-382-4819**  
[www.topangabanjofiddle.org](http://www.topangabanjofiddle.org)  
(see 'Free Concerts')



**SUN 9/11 6pm**

*Charmlee Wilderness Park*  
**Full Moon Hike** Enjoy the mountains, meadow, and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Bring a flashlight. Meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

**SUN 9/11 6:30pm**

*Franklin Canyon -*  
*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Summer by Moonlight** Explore nature on this moderately strenuous hike with great views. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**TUE 9/13 8am**

*Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons*  
**Easy-pace Hikers to Sulfur Springs** Take a 7-mile, 500' gain hike through ridge grasslands, then along an old ranch road following a streambed/multiple stream crossings with oak woodlands. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 4hrs SC

**TUE 9/13 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Moderate Hikers: Bienveneda-Leacock Trail to Will Rogers** Join an 8-mile, 1600' gain hike to Temescal Cyn and Will Rogers State Historic Park. Meet at end of Bienveneda Ave (Sunset Blvd 0.5 mile west of Temescal Cyn Rd, north 1 mile on Bienveneda and park on street). Bring water and lunch. If Red Flag Alert, meet below Santa Monica Pier at 8:30am. Info: 310-454-4188. 4hrs SC

**THU 9/15 8am**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Thursday Hikers** Join a 7-mile, 1200' gain hike through grasslands and oak woodlands to Eagle Rock via the Musch Trail. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

**THU 9/15 7pm**

*Franklin Canyon -*  
*Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Nachochan Gathering** Enrich your understanding of native cultures with an ensemble of songs, games, hands-on learning, and guest speakers. Bring a snack to share. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 9/17 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Volunteers Needed for Invasive Plant Removal** Help remove invasive Spanish broom from Saddle Peak and restore native habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: Jerry 818-406-1269. Rain cancels. 5hrs SMMTC

**SAT 9/17 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Rehab Work** No experience necessary. Call for more information or to receive a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 9/17 8:45am**

*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Oak Savannah Restoration/Commemorative Oaks** Weed and water young oaks to restore habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: [volunteer@treepeople.org](mailto:volunteer@treepeople.org) or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 9/17 5:15pm**

*Circle X Ranch -*  
*Sandstone Peak Trailhead*  
**Mountain Top Views** Join rangers Jack and Cathie for a strenuous 3-mile roundtrip night-hike to the highest point in the Santa Monica Mountains and watch the sun set over the ocean. Bring water, flashlight or headlamp, and a light snack to eat. 2.75hrs NPS

**SAT 9/17 6:30pm**  
*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Creatures of the Night** Take a 1.5-mile loop hike with a ranger and discover what animals come out at dusk. If we are lucky, we'll spot some scorpions or hear the coyotes howl! Bring a flashlight. Meet in main parking lot. 2hrs NPS

**SAT 9/17 7pm**  
*Charmlee Wilderness Park*  
**Buggy Night** A naturalist-led walk in search of insects, spiders, and other arthropods. Fun for all ages! Bring a flashlight. Meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

**SUN 9/18 8:45am**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Lower Topanga Creek Restoration** Help plant, water, and weed. Receive community service credit. Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SUN 9/18 9:30am**  
*Paramount Ranch*  
**From Set to Screen** Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us for this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

**SUN 9/18 9:30am**  
*Cold Creek Preserve - Preserve's Lower Gate*  
**This is Los Angeles???** Meander along a stream-fed canyon filled with majestic oaks and sycamores while listening to nature's many voices. 2.5hrs CCD

**SUN 9/18 10am**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**A Turtle's Race Around the Lake** Learn about Franklin Canyon and the local ecosystem from naturalist Rebecca on a 1-mile walk. Bring water, hat, and appropriate shoes. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**TUE 9/20 8am**  
*Caballero Canyon - Upper Trailhead*  
**Easy-pace Hikers** Join this 6-mile, 600' gain hike along old dirt Mulholland to Cold War Nike Missile Site. Great views. Bring water, snacks, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 805-255-2350. 3hrs SC

**TUE 9/20 7:30pm**  
*Temescal Gateway Park*  
**Culture in the Canyon at Chautauqua Series** Another eclectic evening on topics ranging from natural history to current events in our local area. Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**THU 9/22 8am**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Thursday Hikers** This is a 9-mile, 1800' gain hike in a canyon and along the ridge. Meet at trailhead on Old Topanga Cyn Rd 0.4 mile west of intersection with Topanga Cyn Blvd. Limited roadside parking. Bring 2 qts water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 5hrs SC

**SAT 9/24 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Rehab Work** No experience necessary. Call for more information or to receive a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC



## Topanga Canyon Docents

### 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Docent Training

September 24, 2011 Saturday, 9:30am  
 Topanga State Park

Learn the local history of the Santa Monica Mountains and how to share this gift with others. Six Saturday sessions will cover many topics including plants, mammals, insects, reptiles, amphibians, birds, and Native Americans. Four Sunday interpretive walks will be held. FEE. 6 hours each class.  
**Reservations required: info@tc-docents.org, 310-710-0883 or 310-455-3143.**

## Evening Cultural Program

**Saturday, September 24**  
 6pm-7:30pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

The *Chumash Inter-Tribal Singers* represent many local regions and will share Native songs and dances at the Satwiwa ceremonial circle. All ages are welcome. Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**SAT 9/24 5pm**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr*  
**Return to Nature** Naturalist Dora leads this meditative walk exploring sensory rich trails. Bring water. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 9/24 6pm**  
*Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch*  
**Autumn Equinox Hike** On a moderate hike, enjoy this day of celestial equilibrium. Identify planets and constellations. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 9/25 8:30am**  
*Malibu Lagoon State Park*  
**Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching** Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all are welcome. Bring binoculars. Info: 818-894-2541. 2-3hrs SMBAS

**SUN 9/25 8:45am**  
*Cold Creek Preserve*  
**Gardening in Cold Creek Preserve** Help restore native plants and California bunch grasses. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SUN 9/25 10am**  
*Malibu Bluffs Park*  
**Bluffs Ramble to the Sea** On a 2-mile walk, look for dolphins and sea lions. Observe the native plant recovery after the 2007 wildfire. 2hrs CNPS

**SUN 9/25 10am**  
*Malibu Lagoon State Park*  
**Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents** Special short walk for children and families. Binoculars provided. Reservations required for groups. Info: 818-894-2541. 1hr SMBAS

**TUE 9/27 8am**  
*Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead*  
**Easy-pace Hikers** A 4-mile, 800' gain hike starts up a fire road and then goes down into hidden Red Rock Canyon. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-501-1225. 2.5hrs SC

**TUE 9/27 7pm**  
*Headwaters Corner*  
**Gourd Society Meeting** Join a workshop of gourd artists. Experience new techniques and ideas. Beginners welcome. Gourds available. Info: Dorie 818-702-8020. 2hrs SFVGP

**THU 9/29 8am**  
*Caballero Canyon - Lower Trailhead*  
**Thursday Hikers** Hike on the Garapito Trail to Eagle Rock on this 9-mile, 1200' gain hike in northern Topanga State Park. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 5hrs SC

## COLD CREEK DOCENTS Annual Naturalist Training



Training begins on Monday,  
**September 26, 2011.**

Have some natural science background and interest? Lead nature hikes with ages 8-12 at UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve. Learn about the cultural and natural history of the Santa Monica Mountains, interpretive techniques, and more.  
**7 sessions. Fee. Info: 818-591-9363**

## Hiking & Safety Tips



*The Lonely Girl* by John Mueller, *Spirit of the Mountains* Photo Contest  
2010 Winner – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Tie, *People in Parklands* Category

### TICKS

Ticks are plentiful and some may carry diseases. Check your clothing and exposed skin after hiking.

### SOUTHERN PACIFIC RATTLESNAKES

These snakes make the mountains their home. Stay away from them, and they won't bother you. In the event of a rattlesnake bite, DO NOT make an incision or try to draw out venom. Splint the extremity and transport victim to an emergency room.

### FOOTWEAR

Wear sturdy footwear – hiking boots or sneakers with good tread.

### POISON OAK

Poison oak can be identified by its clusters of three shiny leaflets. The best way to avoid it is to stay on trails.

### NEVER HIKE ALONE

Use the buddy system. That allows someone to go for help if you encounter trouble.

### HELP PREVENT WILDFIRE

Do not smoke on trails or in brush areas.  
Do not build fires on the ground.

### KEEP HYDRATED

Carry and drink plenty of water. One quart for short walks, more for longer hikes.

### NOTE

Whether you are an equestrian, hiker, or mountain bicyclist, please help us protect our natural areas by staying on designated trails. Be considerate of other trail users and respect private land.

## Regularly Scheduled Activities

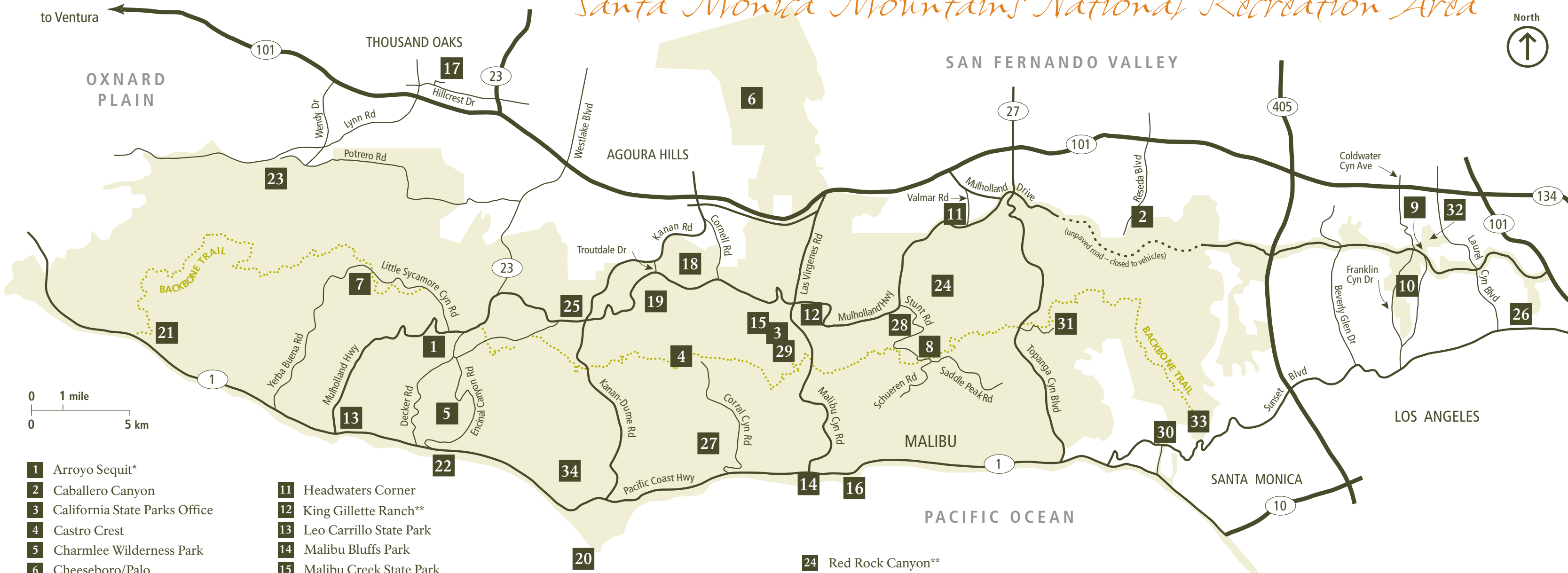
<b>Circle X Ranch</b>	Group camping, hiking, picnicking in high mountain country. 15 miles of trails. Guided walks as scheduled. Camping fee. NPS
<b>Cold Creek Preserve</b>	Open daily by reservation only for group and individual walks. Scheduled interpretive plant and bird walks. Tours for private groups may be arranged. 818-591-1701. CCD/MRT
<b>Coldwater Canyon Park</b>	TreePeople location. Nursery open WED 10am to noon, and SAT 2pm to 4pm. TP
<b>Franklin Canyon Ranch/ Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr</b>	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and nature trails. Regularly scheduled naturalist programs. WODOC/MRCA
<b>Leo Carrillo State Park</b>	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, fishing, hiking, and surfing. Visitor center open 10am to 3pm weekends. Parking fee. CSP
<b>Malibu Creek State Park</b>	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Visitor center open weekends noon to 4pm. Crafts and games for children on first and third SAT of month 12:15pm to 2:30pm. Day-use parking fee. CSP/MCD
<b>Malibu Lagoon State Beach/ Historic Adamson House</b>	Tours of historic Adamson House and museum WED thru SAT 11am to 3pm. Reservations required for 12 or more. TUE: groups by reservation. Tour fees. Bird walks at the state beach lagoon. Parking fee. CSP/MLMD/SMBAS
<b>Paramount Ranch</b>	Western town movie set. Ranger-led programs as scheduled; call 805-370-2301 for dates. Picnicking. Equestrian and hiking trails. NPS
<b>Peter Strauss Ranch</b>	Open 8am to sunset daily. Hillside loop trail, picnicking. Concerts as scheduled. NPS
<b>Point Mugu State Park</b>	Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Naturalist programs as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP
<b>Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa</b>	Hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails with access to Point Mugu State Park. Culture center is open SAT and SUN 9am to 5pm. NPS
<b>Rocky Oaks</b>	Hiking and equestrian trails, picnic area. NPS
<b>Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Visitor Center</b>	Open daily from 9am to 5pm and closed some holidays. Info on Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and other national parks. Exhibits and bookstore. NPS
<b>Temescal Gateway Park</b>	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and overnight group accommodations available. Parking fee. MRCA
<b>Topanga State Park</b>	Hiking, picnicking, equestrian and mountain bike trails. Docent-led walks as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP/TCO
<b>Will Rogers State Historic Park</b>	Open 8am to sunset. Guided tour of ranch house available TUE thru SUN at 11am, 1pm, and 2pm (ranch house closed on MON). Reservations needed for groups of 25 or more. Parking fee. CSP/WRD
<b>UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve</b>	Environmental research and education. K–12, university level, and community programs. By prior approval only 310-206-3887. SRSMMR

## Directions

- 1 **\*Arroyo Sequit** 34138 Mulholland Hwy, Malibu. Pacific Coast Hwy to Mulholland Hwy. Turn inland on Mulholland Hwy and go 6 miles to park entrance on right side of road.
- 2 **Caballero Canyon** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Reseda Blvd, turn south.  
**Lower Trailhead:** 1.9 miles south just past the fountains on left side.  
**Upper Trailhead:** Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park. 3.1 miles south at the end of Reseda Blvd near dirt Mulholland.
- 3 **California State Parks Headquarters** Ventura Fwy (101) to Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to Malibu Creek State Park entrance on left.
- 4 **\*Castro Crest** Pacific Coast Hwy to Corral Canyon Rd (west of Malibu Canyon Rd). Follow Corral Canyon Rd to end (parking lot).
- 5 **Charmlee Wilderness Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, about 3 miles south of Ventura County line. Turn inland on Encinal Canyon Rd, 4 miles to park entrance on the left side of road.
- 6 **\*Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons** Ventura Fwy (101) to Chesebro Rd exit. Turn north on Palo Comado Canyon Rd then right on Chesebro Rd. Go north 1 mile to park entrance. Turn right and follow road to parking lot.
- 7 **\*Circle X Ranch** Pacific Coast Hwy to Yerba Buena Rd. Turn inland; go 5.4 miles to Circle X Ranch contact station.  
**Sandstone Peak Trailhead:** 1 mile north of Circle X Ranch contact station on Yerba Buena Rd. Parking lot is on left.  
**Mishe Mokwa Trailhead:** 1.75 miles north of the Circle X contact station along Yerba Buena Road. Parking lot is on right.
- 8 **Cold Creek Preserve & Stunt Ranch Reserve Area** Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right) 0.25 mile. At Mulholland Hwy, turn left. Continue for 5 miles to Stunt Rd.  
**Lower Stunt High Trailhead:** Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1 mile to pullout on right.  
**Preserve's Lower Gate:** Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1.2 miles to pullout on right. Permit required for walk-in visitation. Preserve's Upper Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 3.3 miles to pullout on left. Permit required for walk-in visitation.  
**Top of Stunt Rd:** Intersection of Schueren, Saddle Peak and Stunt Rds.
- 9 **Coldwater Canyon Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Coldwater Canyon Ave. Go south to intersection at Mulholland Dr. Entrance is on east (left) side.
- 10 **Franklin Canyon Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr (Upper Franklin Canyon):** From Ventura Fwy (101), go 2.5 miles south on Coldwater Cyn Ave. At intersection with Mulholland Dr and Franklin Cyn Dr (directly across from Coldwater Canyon Park), turn right on Franklin Cyn Dr. Go 0.5 mile and turn left at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Park in lot on left next to nature center. (To go to *Franklin Canyon Ranch*: continue south on the reservoir road and Franklin Canyon Dr. Turn left on Lake Dr.)  
**Franklin Canyon Ranch (Lower Franklin Canyon):** From Sunset Blvd, turn north on Beverly Dr. Continue on Beverly Dr by veering left at "to Coldwater Cyn Dr" sign and left at intersection with Coldwater Cyn Dr (look for Beverly Hills Fire Station #2). Turn right on Franklin Canyon Dr. Go 1 mile and turn right on Lake Dr. Park at main lot at end of road. (To go to *Sooky Goldman Nature Center*: continue north on Franklin Canyon Dr, past Lake Dr. Turn right at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Continue to parking lot on right.)
- 11 **Headwaters Corner** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Mulholland Dr/Valley Circle. Go south on Mulholland Dr to Valmar Rd. Turn right on Valmar Rd. Continue south and veer right on Mulholland Hwy. Signed entrance will be on right.
- 12 **King Gillette Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Turn left on Mulholland Hwy. Park entrance is 0.1 mile on right.
- 13 **Leo Carrillo State Park Nicholas Flat Trailhead:** From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn north on Decker Road. Travel about 2 miles and turn left on Decker School Road (not Decker School Lane). Follow road to the end.
- 14 **Malibu Bluffs Park** Pacific Coast Hwy at Malibu Canyon Road.
- 15 **Malibu Creek State Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to park entrance on left.  
**Tapia Unit:** Entrance is 1 mile south of entrance to Malibu Creek State Park.  
**Reagan Ranch:** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 3 miles to parking area on left (just past Mulholland Hwy).  
**Backbone Trailhead-Malibu Canyon Road:** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go south 5 miles to parking lot on right.
- 16 **Malibu Lagoon State Beach** Pacific Coast Hwy 0.25 mile west of Malibu Pier and 1.5 miles east of Malibu Canyon Rd. Parking lot on ocean side of highway at Cross Creek Rd.  
**Adamson House:** 23200 Pacific Coast Hwy. Parking lot on ocean side of Pacific Coast Hwy opposite Serra Rd.
- 17 **\*National Park Service Visitor Center/Headquarters for Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area** 401 West Hillcrest Dr, Thousand Oaks. Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd. North on Lynn Rd. Turn east (right) on Hillcrest Dr. Left on McCloud Ave. Turn into first driveway on your right. Follow road to the end. The visitor center is located in first building nearest road.
- 18 **\*Paramount Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 2.5 miles, entrance is on right side of the road.
- 19 **\*Peter Strauss Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan Rd 2.8 miles. Turn left on Troutdale Dr to Mulholland Hwy. Left on Mulholland Hwy 400' then right into the parking lot. Walk back across the bridge on Mulholland Hwy and enter main gate to go into the ranch area.
- 20 **Point Dume State Preserve** Pacific Coast Hwy to Westward Beach Rd in Malibu. Turn south and follow road to parking lot.
- 21 **Point Mugu State Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, 4 miles west of the Ventura County line. Enter park at Sycamore Canyon Campground.  
**Ray Miller Trailhead:** 1.6 miles west of Sycamore Canyon Campground along Pacific Coast Hwy.
- 22 **R. H. Meyer Memorial State Beaches** Pacific Coast Hwy near Encinal Canyon Rd.  
**El Matador State Beach:** On Pacific Coast Hwy, 0.5 mile east of Encinal Canyon Rd.  
**La Piedra State Beach:** On Pacific Coast Hwy 0.1 mile west of Encinal Canyon Rd.  
**El Pescador State Beach:** On Pacific Coast Hwy, 0.4 mile west of Encinal Canyon Rd.

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\*Site map available at [www.nps.gov/samo](http://www.nps.gov/samo)  
 \*\*Site map available at [www.lamountains.com](http://www.lamountains.com)

- 23 \*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa** Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd exit. South on Lynn Rd 5.25 miles to Via Goleta. Park entrance is on the left.  
**Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center:** Walk 0.3 mile up gravel road from the parking area to brown wooden building.  
**Wendy Trailhead:** Ventura Fwy (101) to Wendy Dr. exit. South on Wendy Dr to dirt pullout at intersection with Potrero Rd.
- 24 Red Rock Canyon** Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd, south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right). At Mulholland Hwy turn left. Drive 5 miles to Stunt Rd. Turn left. Drive 1 mile to "Stunt High Trail" sign. Park on wide dirt area on the right side of road. Cross Stunt Rd and hike 1.5 miles on Calabasas Peak Fire Road into canyon.
- 25 \*Rocky Oaks** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan Rd to Mulholland Hwy. Turn west (right) on Mulholland Hwy and right again into parking lot.
- 26 Runyon Canyon Park** Hollywood Fwy (101) to Highland Av. South to Franklin Ave. West on Franklin to Fuller, north on Fuller to dead end. Park on street. North Entrance 2.6 miles east of Laurel Canyon Blvd on Mulholland Dr.
- 27 \*Solstice Canyon** From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Corral Canyon Rd. Drive 0.25 mile to park entrance on left.
- Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center* See #23.
- Sooky Goldman Nature Center* See #10.
- 28 Stunt Ranch Reserve** See #8.
- 29 Tapia Park** See #15.
- 30 Temescal Gateway Park** From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn inland on Temescal Canyon Rd. Cross Sunset Blvd.

- 31 Topanga State Park** South from Ventura Fwy (101) or north from Pacific Coast Hwy on Topanga Canyon Blvd to Entrada Rd on east (left) side of road. Turn east on Entrada Rd and make two left turns to stay on Entrada Rd to park entrance.  
**Dead Horse Trailhead:** From Topanga Canyon Blvd, turn East on Entrada Rd. Parking lot is 900' on left.  
**Los Lions Trailhead:** From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Sunset Blvd. Continue on Sunset Blvd for 0.25 mile and turn left on Los Lions Dr. Follow road to the end.
- 32 Wilacre Park** Ventura Fwy (101) to Laurel Canyon Blvd, south 1.5 miles to Fryman Rd. Turn right and park along street. Entrance on Fryman Rd just off of Laurel Canyon Blvd.
- 33 Will Rogers State Historic Park** 1501 Will Rogers State Park Rd, Pacific Palisades. Pacific Coast Hwy to Sunset Blvd. Inland 5 miles on Sunset Blvd. Entrance signs on left side of road.
- 34 \*Zuma/Trancas Canyons**  
**Zuma Ridge Trailhead:** Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive until it ends.  
**Zuma Canyon Trailhead:** Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive. Turn right on Rainsford Place. Turn left on Bonsall Drive. Parking lot at end of road.  
**Newton Canyon Trailhead:** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan past Mulholland Hwy. Paved pullout is about 1.75 miles south of Mulholland on right, just north of Tunnel 1.



*Note: To check the degree of handicap accessibility to a site, please contact the sponsoring agency or National Park Service for information.*

**\* Sites managed by the National Park Service**

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